

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims appearing below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-12 (Canceled).

13. (New) A lining usable with a horseshoe comprising a hoof pad defining a periphery and a pair of legs, said pad being adaptable to a sole of a hoof, said lining comprising:

a flat plate defining a periphery and comprising a flexible plastic material, said plate being positionable within a space definable by said plate and said sole of said hoof so as to avoid adhesion of snow and ice on said sole of said hoof;

a tubular hump positioned along said periphery of said flat plate, said hump further defining said space definable by said plate and said sole of said hoof, said hump being tubular in shape and is adapted to extend to a connecting bar usable to connect said pair of legs of said hoof pad substantially near ends of said legs, said hump being formed of separated portions so as to provide an interruption along its extent substantially adjacent connection of said legs of said hoof pad and comprising at least one substantially tubular hollow space which is oval in shape and extends throughout, said separated portions of said hump being positioned in an upright stance on said flat plate and adapted to extend substantially up to a front end of said hoof pad;

said plate being substantially similar in shape to that of said hoof pad so as to follow the periphery thereof, said plate being free of said hump beyond a point of connection of said legs by said connecting bar.

14. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:

said at least one substantially tubular hollow space comprises a profile which is similarly configured throughout said separated portions of said hump.

15. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
said at least one substantially tubular hollow space forms at least one ellipse.
16. (New) The lining as recited in claim 15 wherein:  
the at least one ellipse is adapted to be positioned in an upright stance relative to said sole of said hoof such that the smaller axis thereof extends generally parallel to said sole of said hoof and the larger axis thereof extends generally parallel to the height of the hump.
17. (New) The lining as recited in claim 15 wherein:  
the at least one ellipse is adapted to be positioned such that the larger axis thereof extends generally parallel to the sole of said hoof and the smaller axis thereof extends generally parallel to the height of the hump.
18. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
the cross-sectional size of the at least one substantially tubular hollow space ranges from 1/3 to 1/2 that of the total cross-sectional size of the hump.
19. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
the at least one substantially tubular hollow space is positioned in an upper half of the cross-section of the hump.
20. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
the at least one substantially tubular hollow space comprises two separated ellipses oriented in an upright stance so as to be positioned parallel to each other and to the sole of said hoof.
21. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
the at least one substantially tubular hollow space comprises two separated ellipses oriented in a non-upright stance so as to be positioned parallel to each other and to the sole of said hoof.

22. (New) The lining as recited in claim 20 wherein:  
the ellipses are each of the same size.
23. (New) The lining as recited in claim 21 wherein:  
the ellipses are each of the same size.
24. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
the at least one substantially tubular hollow space undergoes an elastic deformation  
upon load being placed thereon.
25. (New) The lining as recited in claim 13 wherein:  
ends of said at least one substantially tubular hollow space are open.